

## MORE PUPILS REGISTERED

IT IS THOUGHT THAT IN OCTOBER ALL  
RECORDS WILL BE SURPASSED.

Heavy as was the registration at the public schools on Monday, when they were opened, it has been steadily increasing, and teachers who started with fifty scholars and thought that was a large registration have seen their classes grow to sixty.

It will go on until the end of the week, and the result will not be known fully until the principals make their monthly reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. It is estimated that the enrollment for October will reach 125,000, which will break the record.

The registration gradually decreases after October, falling to its lowest in January and June. The principals' reports for 1895 show 119,255 on register at the close of October, which in November has

If the registration should reach 125,000, there will still be room for all the children, provided there can be sent from the thickly settled districts, where there is no room for them, to schools in other districts, which are not so well filled. The sittings provided in the schools on June 30 was 124,364. In Erasmus Hall, the new additions just opened, and a new school No. 9, which will soon be completed, there are enough new sittings to provide ample room for many more than this number. Of course, small children, who cannot be sent from one dis-

complaints have been made to Superintendent Maxwell.

The Committee on Studies of the Board of Education met on Wednesday night, and a new course of study in physiology and the effects of narcotics was approved for the public schools. It is drawn up on the lines of the revised Malby law, which the Legislature substituted for the original bill. The members believe the new course to be more suitable of the two. The instruction in it is cut down to fifteen minutes weekly for the school year, and to five minutes for the summer term.

years. The work of the first three years is devoted to the elementary points in physiology and hygiene, and to the principles and ways to avoid the diseases of succeeding years text books are to be used and greater attention is paid to the explanation of hygienic laws. The effects of alcoholics and narcotics are pointed out, and the methods of manufacturing alcohol are explained, as well as the chemical processes in fermentation and distilling. The eighth year is devoted to a general review of the work of the preceding grades.

The course has been prepared by Superintendent Maxwell and his associates, and it will be begun as soon as the Board of Education approves it.

### **AFTER THE SUPERVISORS.**

ACTION FOR CONTEMPT AGAINST THE OLD BOARDS OF KINGS AND QUEENS COUNTIES.

Justice Dickey heard an application yesterday to punish the members of the old Boards of Supervisors of Kings and Queens counties for contempt of court for failing to obey a writ of mandamus issued in July, 1885, directing them to construct a bridge over Newtown Creek, at Maspeth-ave. The application was opposed by Assistant Corporation Counsel Mudge on behalf of the Kings County Supervisors. He said that the writ was not a writ of strict law, and, in the second, the individual

members had not been served with the order to show cause, and that it would be unusual to punish a man for coming before a court without an opportunity to come before a court and defend himself. The court's result was the Queen's Bench. The Supervisors said that there was also another objection to the application. The Supervisors had appeared from the midland, and the General Term, and when the order was affirmed there an appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals. The second appeal is pending. Under Section 1313 of the Code such an appeal is stayed. If the appeal is affirmed, the Supervisors are in contempt. Mr. Keene said that he saw he was in error in failing to serve the Supervisors with the order to show cause. He asked leave to withdraw his application and to obtain another order to show cause.

THE MOTHER AND THE FOSTER MOTHER MAKE CHARGES AGAINST EACH OTHER

There will be a hearing next Tuesday in the Supreme Court on the return of a writ of habeas corpus sued out by Clara Peterson to get possession of her two-year-old son, who is now in the custody of Mrs. Karloline Nelson, of No. 111 Jefferson avenue. The case came up yesterday, but was adjourned until Tuesday. The petitioner alleges that the child is detained by Mrs. Nelson because his board bill is partly unpaid. She says, also, that Mrs. Nelson has declared her intention of adopting the child, although the mother has made strenuous ob-

son has had the infant christened Walter Llewellyn Nelson. The mother says that Mrs. Nelson has taken care of her child properly. She declares that Mrs. Nelson has given him whiskey and other liquors, so that he has been intoxicated, and that he has been allowed to eat such things as pickles, cabbages, horse-radish and the like. The petitioner says that she has demanded the child, but has been refused. She wished to take him back to Sweden, her native land, where he will be carefully brought

The return to the writ was filed yesterday, and it is Mrs. Nelson makes serious charges against Clar Peterson, and says that the infant was christened with the full consent of his mother, and, until the present proceeding, Mrs. Nelson says there had been no trouble. She has always been and is now ready to adopt the infant formally.

"I have no child of my own," said Mrs. Nelson, "and myself, my husband and my father are the only ones strong enough to do it, and we will do all in our power to bring him up, promptly and properly."

constant employment, and he and my father have means and can support and educate him better than his mother can."

**MRS. CRYER DISCHARGED.**

Mrs. Mary A. Cryer, of No. 87 Gates-ave., who was arrested on a charge of having obtained money from Frank R. Caulkins, a real estate dealer, by falsely representing that she owned property in Monmouth, N. J., was discharged by Judge Harrison yesterday morning. Caulkins submitted a letter which he said Mrs. Cryer had written to him voluntarily. But Mrs. Cryer gained her release on evidence by herself and her daughter that such was not the case. Judge Harrison, in dis-

here. The complainant declares that he did not suggest the form of the letter to Mrs. Stryker, while she and her daughter positively say that he framed it himself."

*A FATHER WANTS HIS CHILD.*

Emil Crukus has obtained from Justice Dickey, of the Supreme Court, a writ of habeas corpus directing the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to

children to produce in court this morning his four-year-old daughter, Florence. Crulus wants the custody of the child. He says in his petition that he left the child in the care of his wife, thinking that she would be well treated, and that a mother's care would be better than a father could possibly give. Mrs. Crulus remained in Sheepshead Bay, and the child was taken to the court by a woman who treats Florence well, however, and on September 1 she was arrested for assaulting her. She pleaded guilty before Justice Nostrand, and the little one was committed to the care of the woman who took Crulus says that he did not know anything of these

**TO TRY TO SECURE KINGS COUNTY MONEY**

County Treasurer Taylor is deliberating what action, if any, can be taken toward reimbursing the county for \$5,000 lost to Kings County by the Commercial Bank failure. The money was secured by five men, George Malcolm, the brewer; David

**THE DEATH OF ROBERT J. LUCKEY.**  
Robert J. Luckey, one of the oldest residents of Brooklyn, died at his home, No. 620 Fulton-st., on Wednesday night aged eighty-one. Fifty years ago Mr. Luckey came from Dutchess County, where he was born, and lived here ever since. He was in the coal business at No. 577 Fulton-st., at the time of his death. He was one of the first dealers